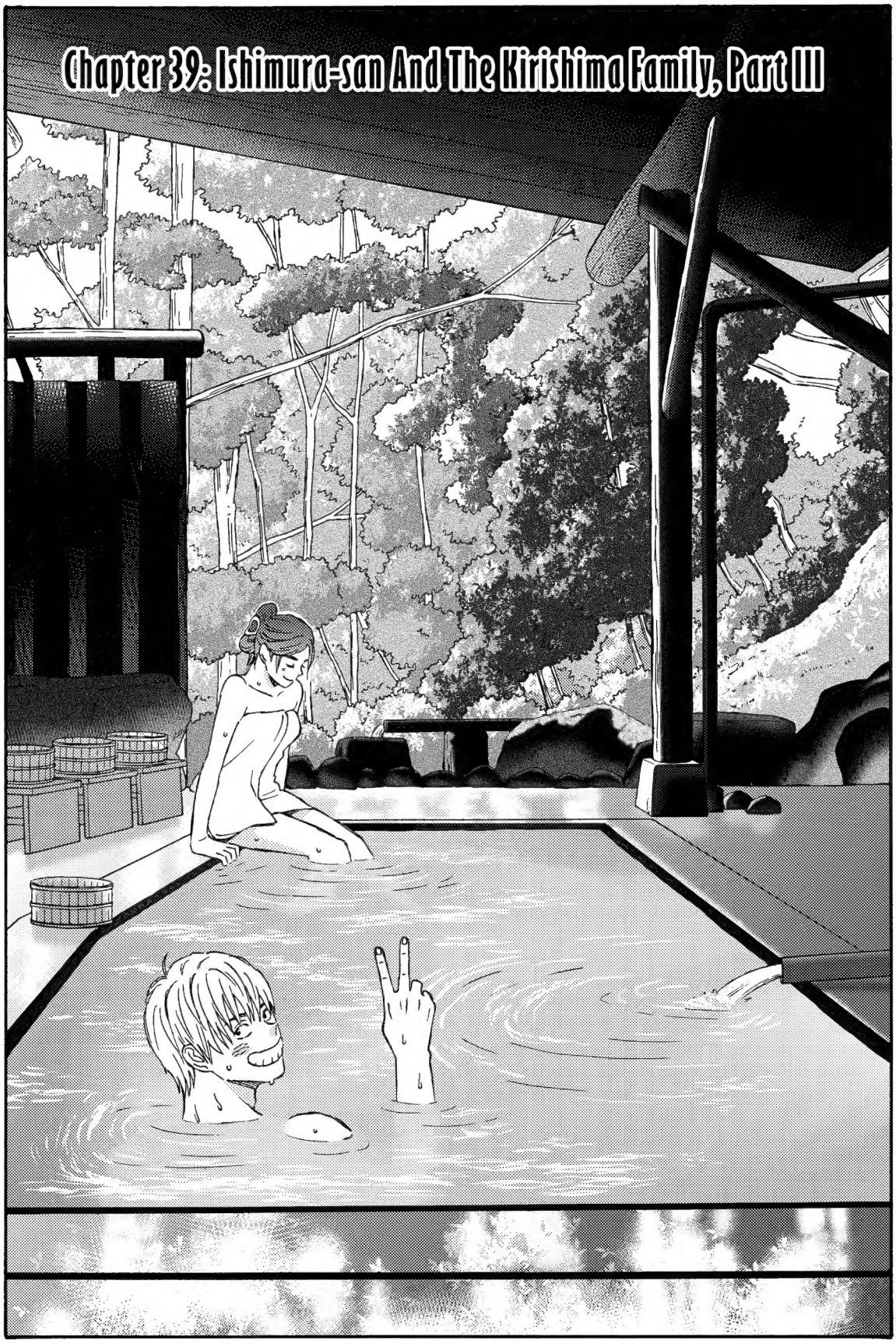
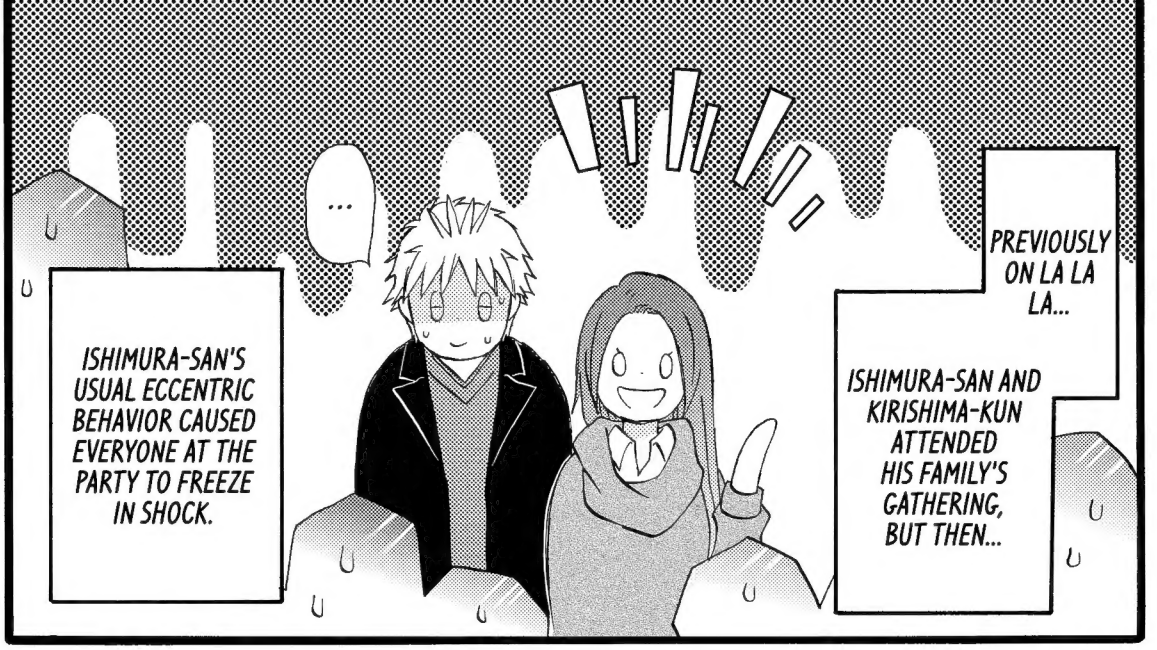
Chapter 39: Ishimura-san And The Kirishima Family, Part III




PREVIOUSLY ON LA LA LA...
ISHIMURA-SAN AND KIRISHIMA-KUN ATTENDED HIS FAMILY'S GATHERING, BUT THEN...
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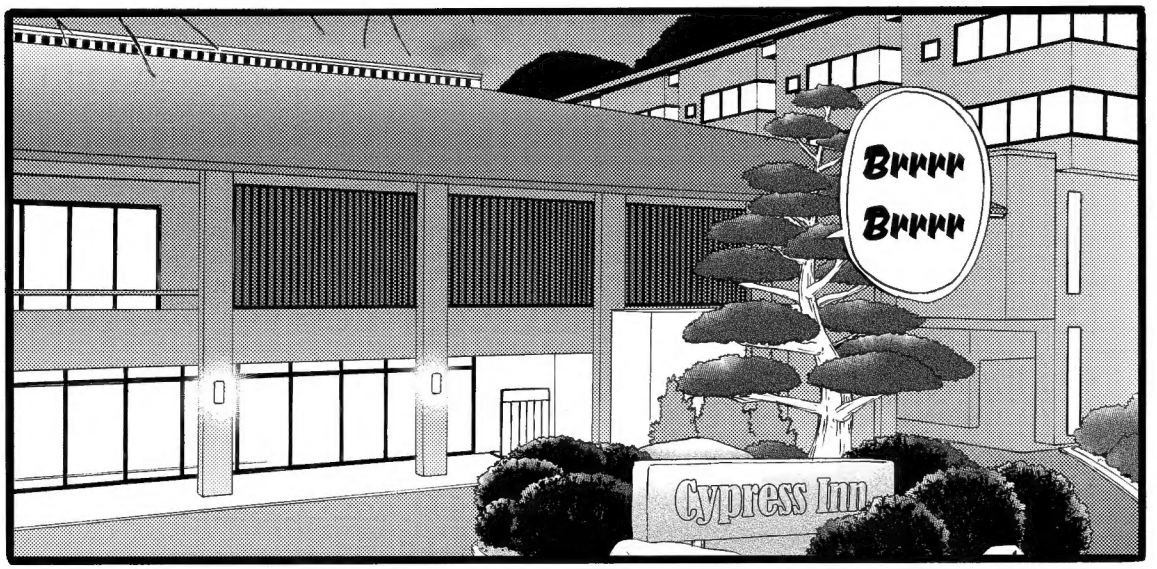
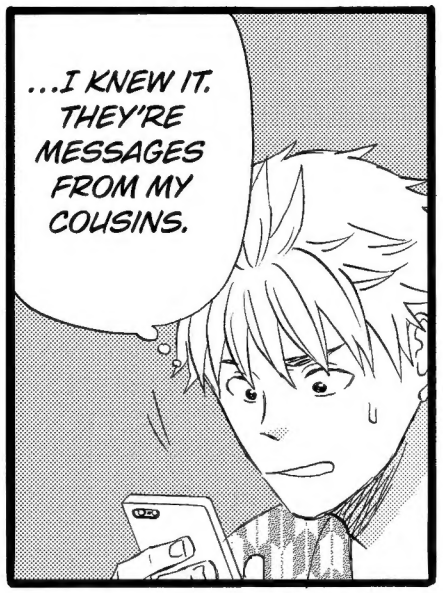
ISHIMURA-SAN'S USUAL ECCENTRIC BEHAVIOR CAUSED EVERYONE AT THE PARTY TO FREEZE IN SHOCK.


Bzzzzz Bzzzzz
Cypress Inn


...I KNEW IT. THEY'RE MESSAGES FROM MY COUSINS.

YOUR PHONE HAS BEEN VIBRATING FOR A WHILE NOW.
A phone call?
HM? OH...
YEAH, IT REALLY HAS BEEN.
They're just messages.
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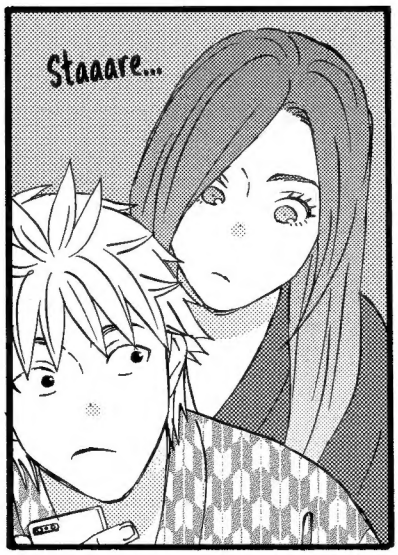
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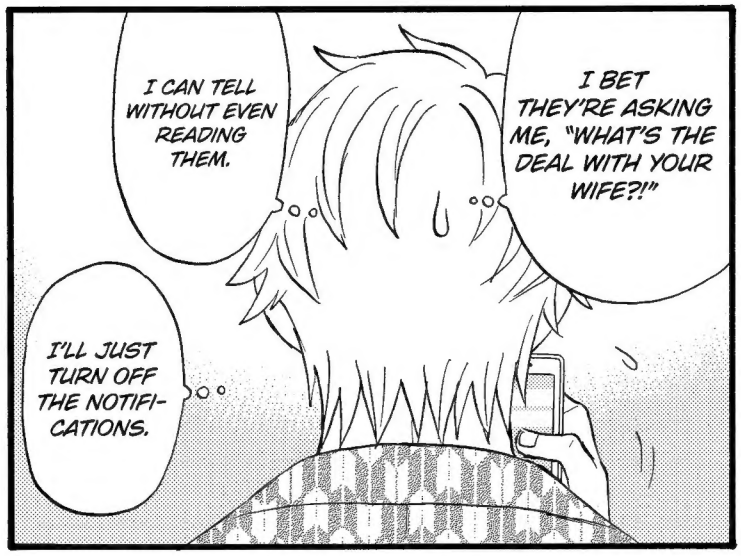
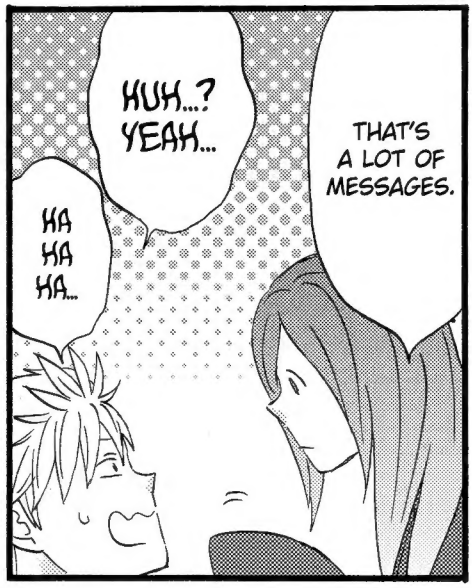
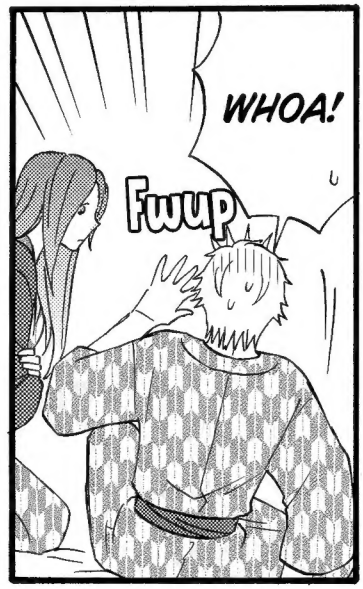
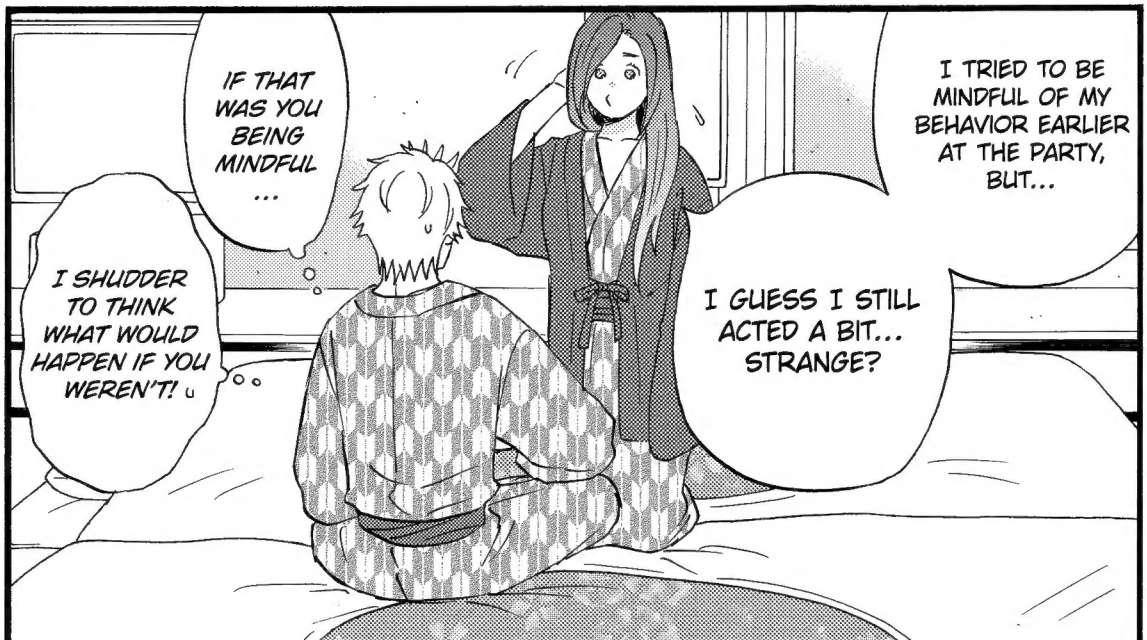

I CAN TELL WITHOUT EVEN READING THEM.
I BET THEY'RE ASKING ME, "WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH YOUR WIFE?!"
I'LL JUST TURN OFF THE NOTIFI-CATIONS.

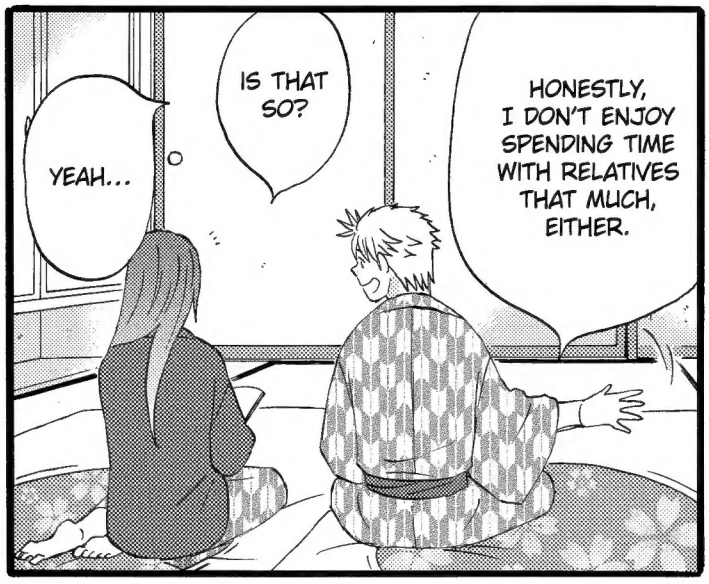
IS IT MY FAULT?
WHAT?!


HUH...? YEAH...
THAT'S A LOT OF MESSAGES.
HA HA HA...

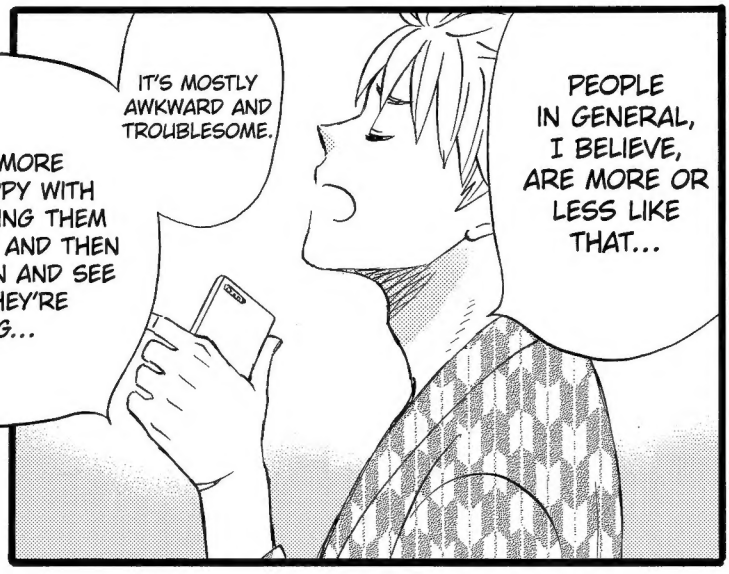

WHOA!
FWUP

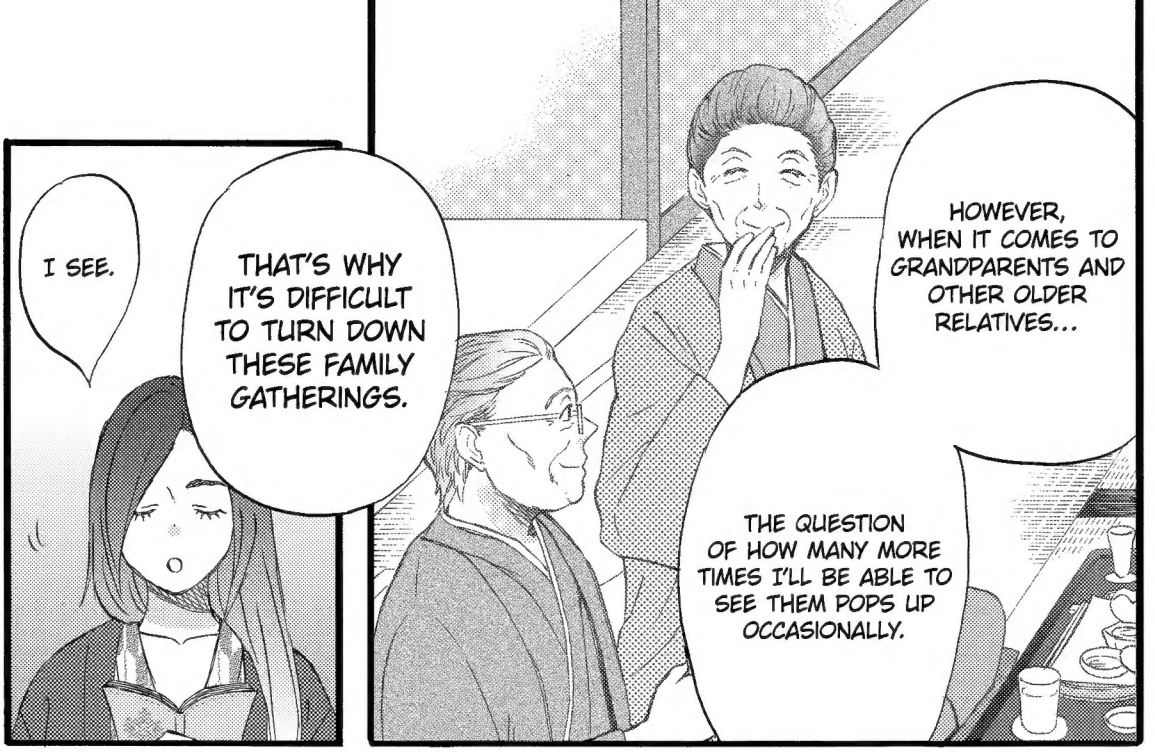

IF THAT WAS YOU BEING MINDFUL ...
I TRIED TO BE MINDFUL OF MY BEHAVIOR EARLIER AT THE PARTY, BUT...
I SHUDDER TO THINK WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU WEREN'T!
I GUESS I STILL ACTED A BIT... STRANGE?

IT'S INCREDIBLE HOW SOMEONE'S BEST EFFORTS CAN GO SO WRONG.
SINCE THEY ARE YOUR RELATIVES, I DID MY BEST TO SHOW THEM THAT I CARED.
NORMALLY I'D BE MORE INDIFFERENT ABOUT THESE THINGS, BUT...

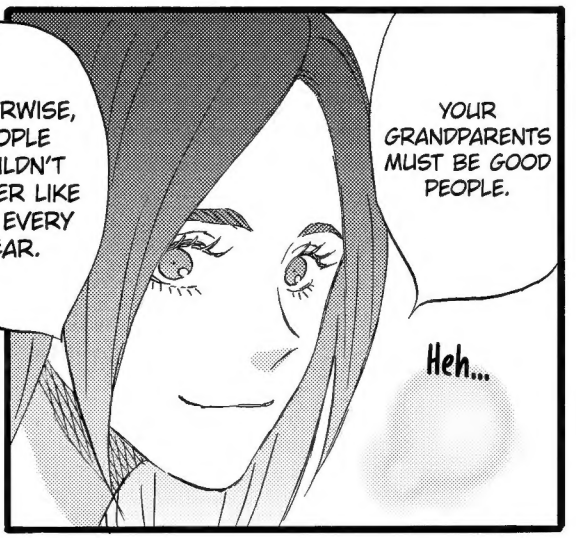

YEAH...
IS THAT SO?
HONESTLY, I DON'T ENJOY SPENDING TIME WITH RELATIVES THAT MUCH, EITHER.

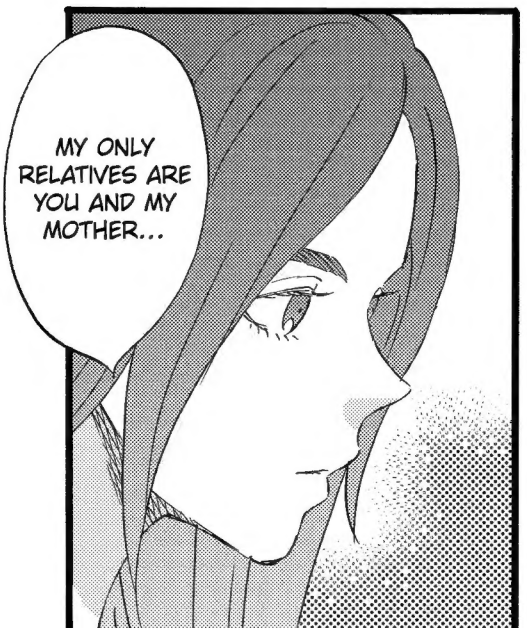
WELL... I KNEW SHE WASN'T VERY GOOD AT SOCIALIZING.
Ahem!

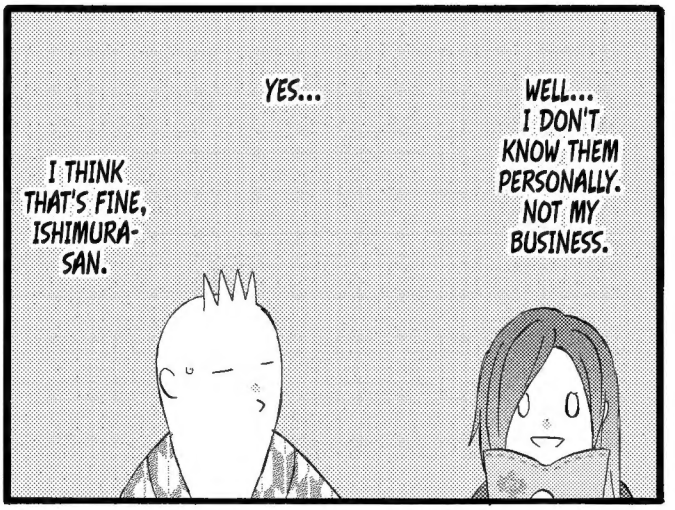

I'D BE MORE THAN HAPPY WITH JUST CALLING THEM EVERY NOW AND THEN TO CHECK IN AND SEE HOW THEY'RE DOING...
IT'S MOSTLY AWKWARD AND TROUBLESOME.
PEOPLE IN GENERAL, I BELIEVE, ARE MORE OR LESS LIKE THAT...

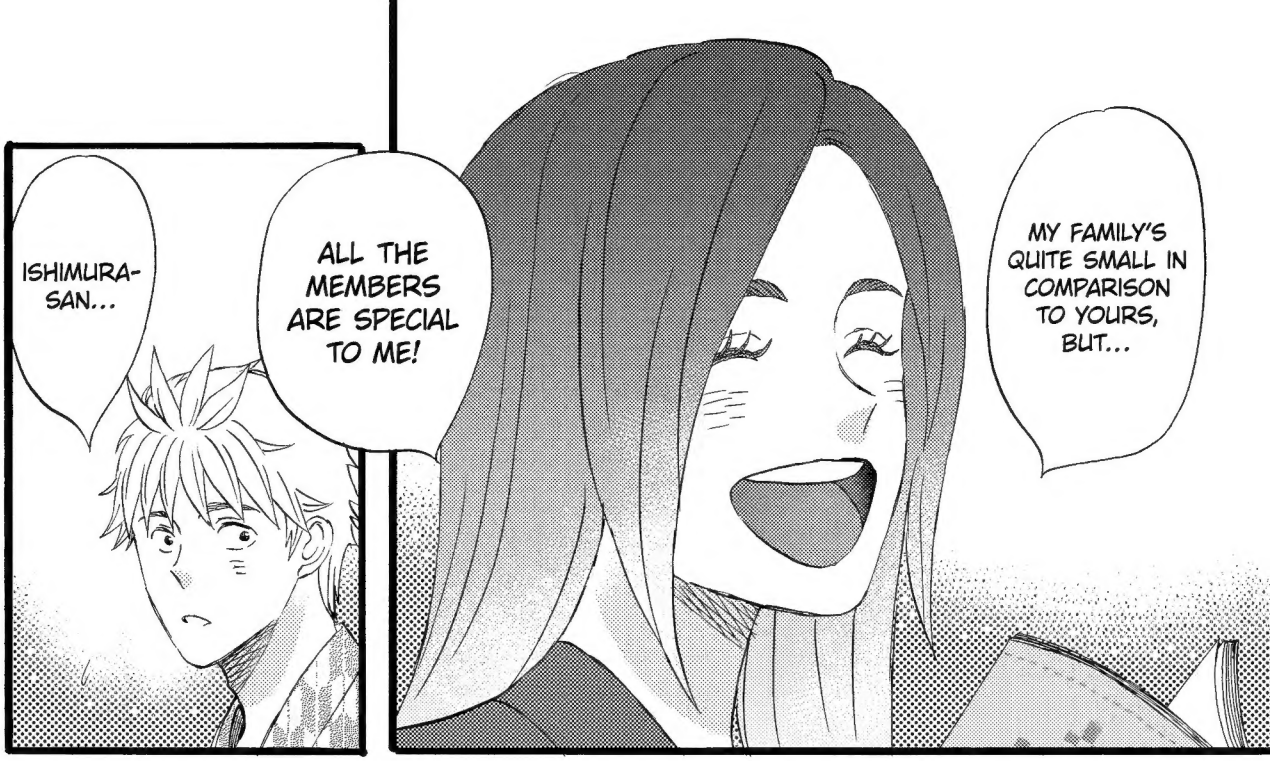

I SEE.
THAT'S WHY IT'S DIFFICULT TO TURN DOWN THESE FAMILY GATHERINGS.
HOWEVER, WHEN IT COMES TO GRANDPARENTS AND OTHER OLDER RELATIVES...
THE QUESTION OF HOW MANY MORE TIMES I'LL BE ABLE TO SEE THEM POPS UP OCCASIONALLY.

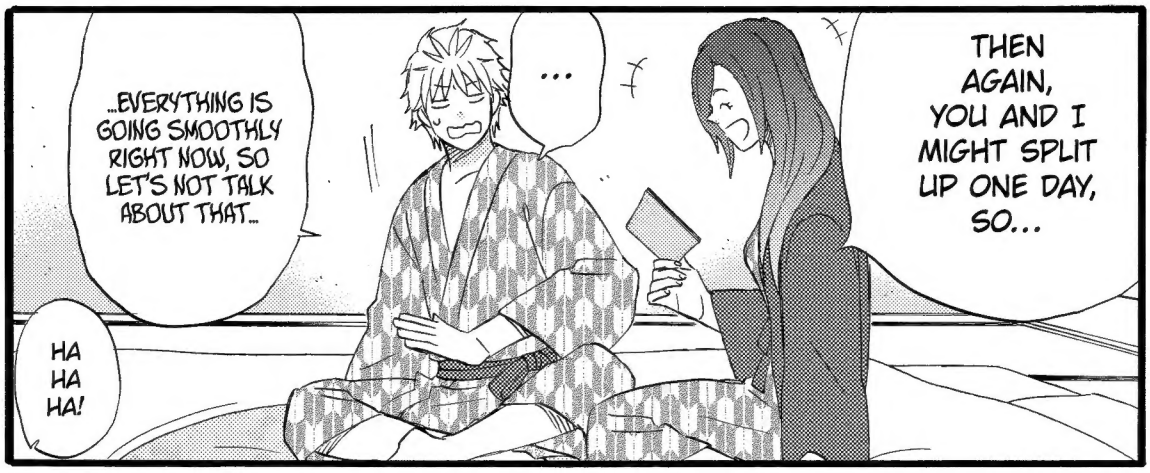
BOTH GRANDPA AND GRANDMA RAISED ME WITH A LOT OF LOVE.
THAT'S RIGHT.


OTHERWISE, PEOPLE WOULDN'T GATHER LIKE THIS EVERY YEAR.
YOUR GRANDPARENTS MUST BE GOOD PEOPLE.
Heh...

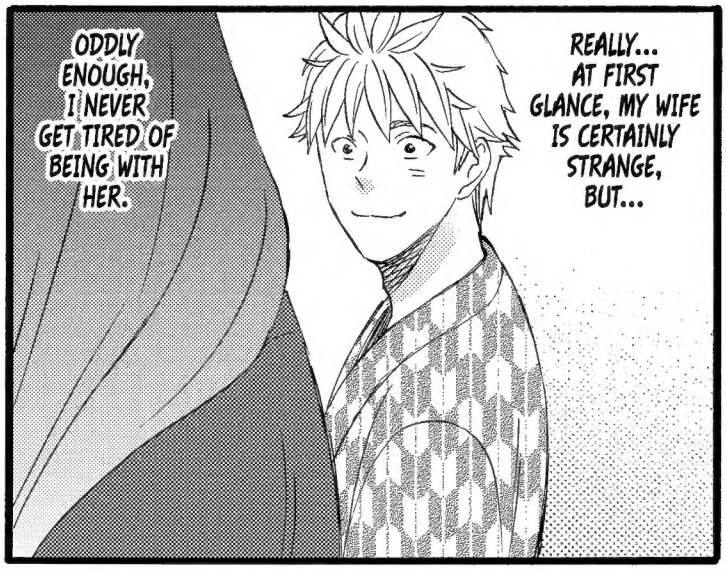

MY ONLY RELATIVES ARE YOU AND MY MOTHER...


YES...
WELL... I DON'T KNOW THEM PERSONALLY. NOT MY BUSINESS.
I THINK THAT'S FINE, ISHIMURA-SAN.


ISHIMURA-SAN...
ALL THE MEMBERS ARE SPECIAL TO ME!
MY FAMILY'S QUITE SMALL IN COMPARISON TO YOURS, BUT...


...EVERYTHING IS GOING SMOOTHLY RIGHT NOW, SO LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT THAT...
...
THEN AGAIN, YOU AND I MIGHT SPLIT UP ONE DAY, SO...
HA HA HA!

Hmm...
I FEEL LIKE I'VE GOTTEN USED TO HER ECCENTRICITY.


ODDLY ENOUGH, I NEVER GET TIRED OF BEING WITH HER.
REALLY... AT FIRST GLANCE, MY WIFE IS CERTAINLY STRANGE, BUT...

AND SHE ALWAYS THANKS ME WHEN I DO A GOOD JOB WITH THE HOUSEWORK.

...NOW, IF ONLY...

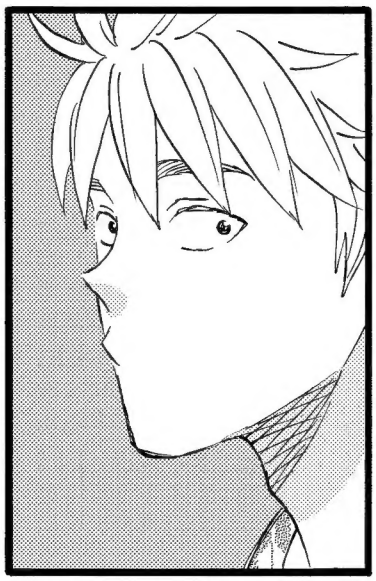
SHE'S HIGHLY COMPETENT, SO HER PATIENTS AND EVERYONE ELSE AT THE HOSPITAL TRUST HER A LOT.

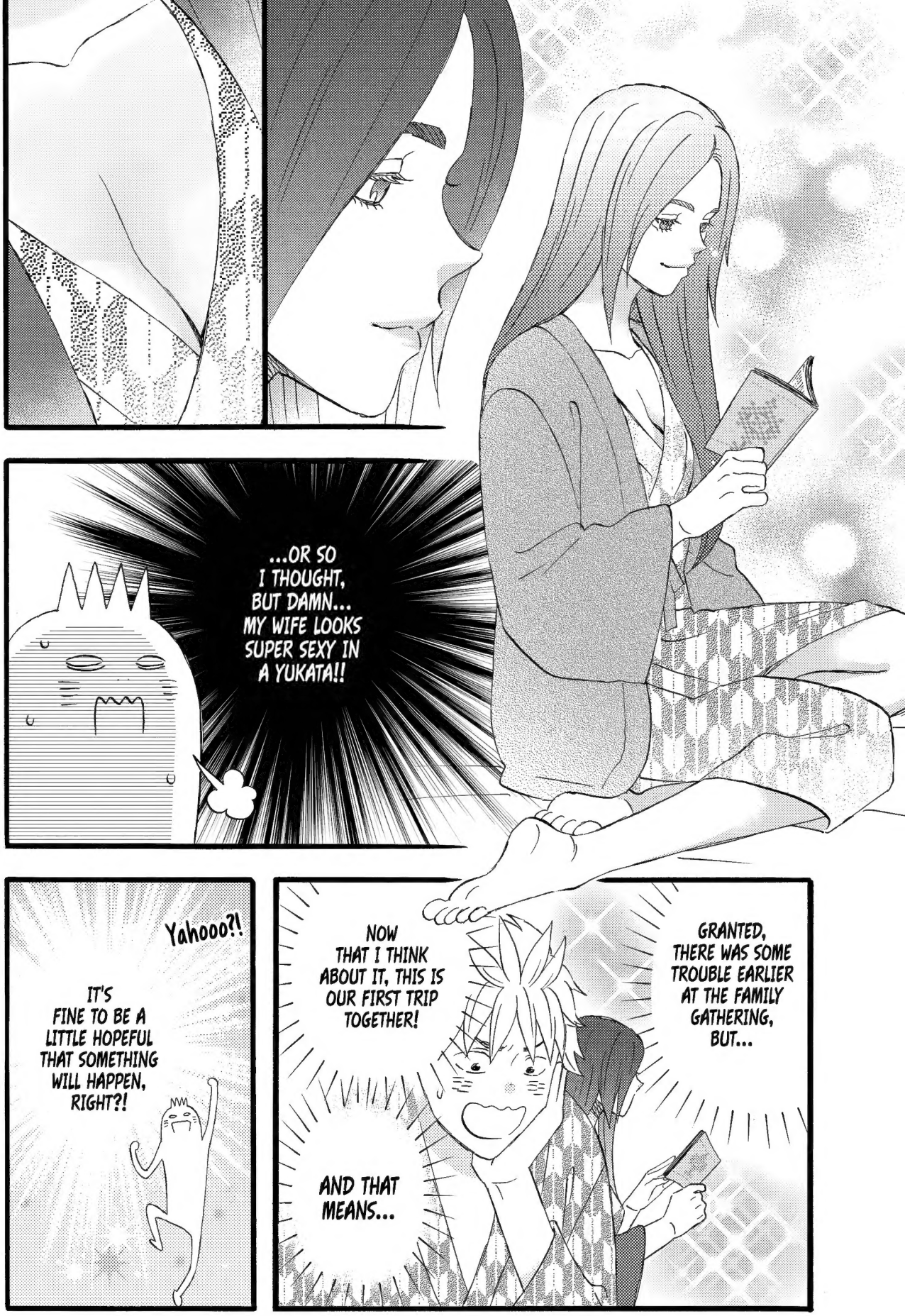
HER COMMUNICATION SKILLS AREN'T GREAT, BUT SHE'S VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT HER JOB.

we still haven't done it...

Somehow,

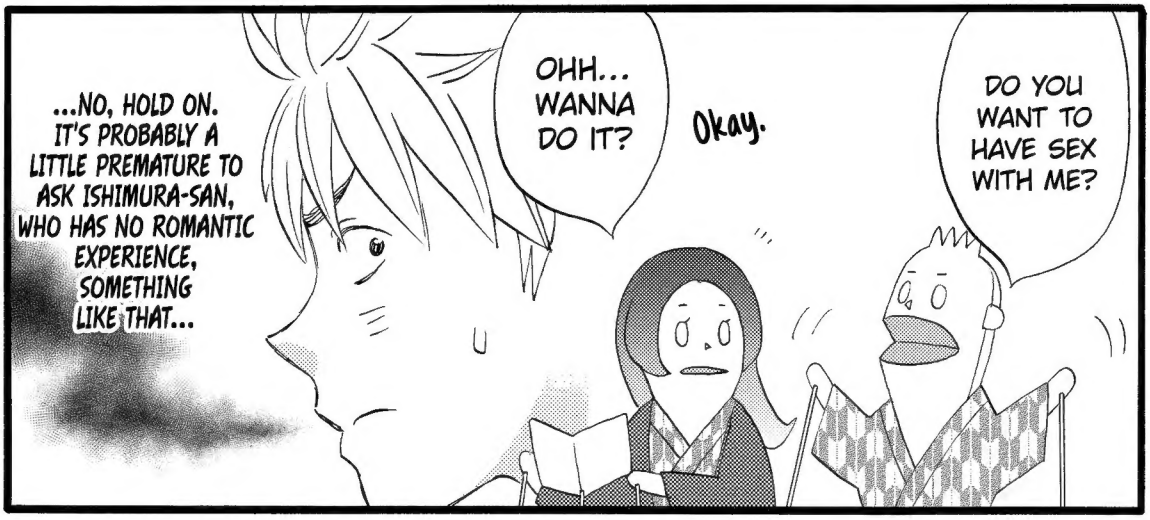
IF ONLY WE COULD BE A NORMAL MARRIED COUPLE AT NIGHT...!



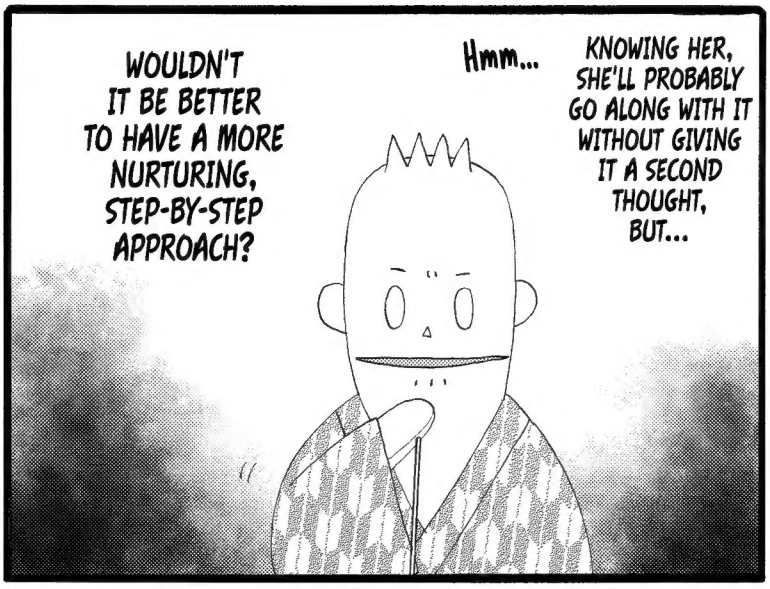

...OR SO I THOUGHT, BUT DAMN... MY WIFE LOOKS SUPER SEXY IN A YUKATA!!
Yahooo?!
IT'S FINE TO BE A LITTLE HOPEFUL THAT SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN, RIGHT?!
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THIS IS OUR FIRST TRIP TOGETHER!
GRANTED, THERE WAS SOME TROUBLE EARLIER AT THE FAMILY GATHERING, BUT...
AND THAT MEANS...

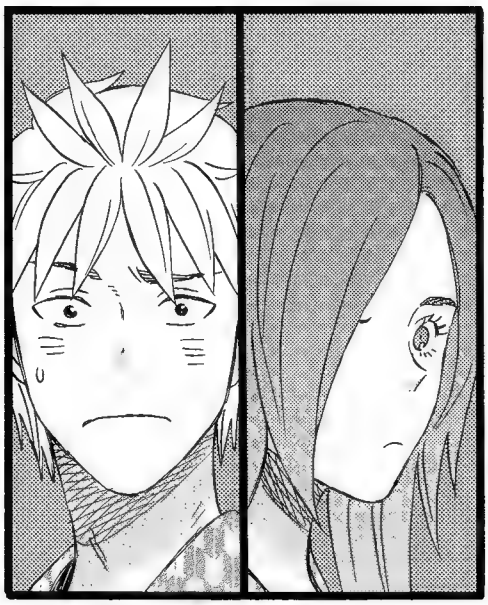
AND SHE'LL NEVER GET THE HINT, SO...
IT'S EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO CREATE THAT SORT OF MOOD WITH ISHIMURA-SAN...
I'LL JUST ASK HER STRAIGHT...!

ISHIMURA-SAN...
HM?


...NO, HOLD ON. IT'S PROBABLY A LITTLE PREMATURE TO ASK ISHIMURA-SAN, WHO HAS NO ROMANTIC EXPERIENCE, SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
OHH... WANNA DO IT?
Okay.
DO YOU WANT TO HAVE SEX WITH ME?

WE'VE HELD HANDS BEFORE, SO NEXT IS...


WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO HAVE A MORE NURTURING, STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH?
Hmm...
KNOWING HER, SHE'LL PROBABLY GO ALONG WITH IT WITHOUT GIVING IT A SECOND THOUGHT, BUT...



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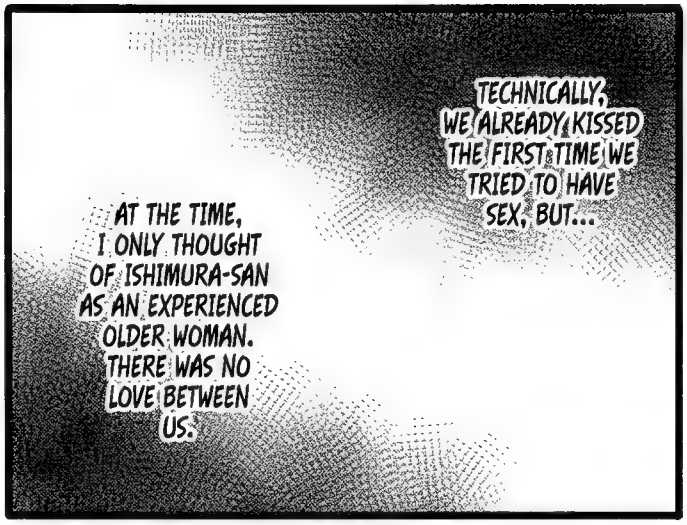
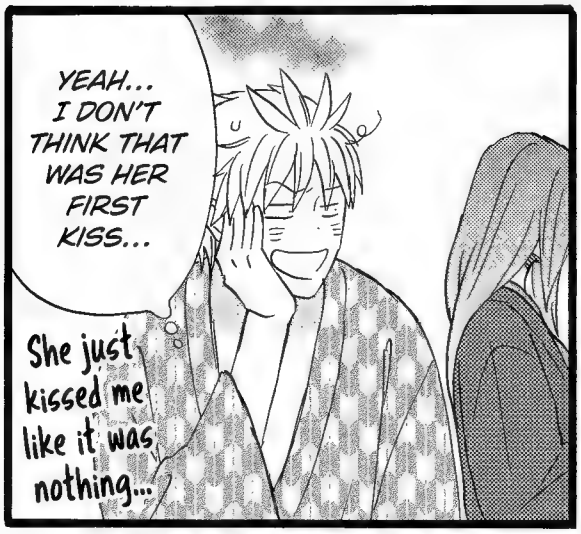
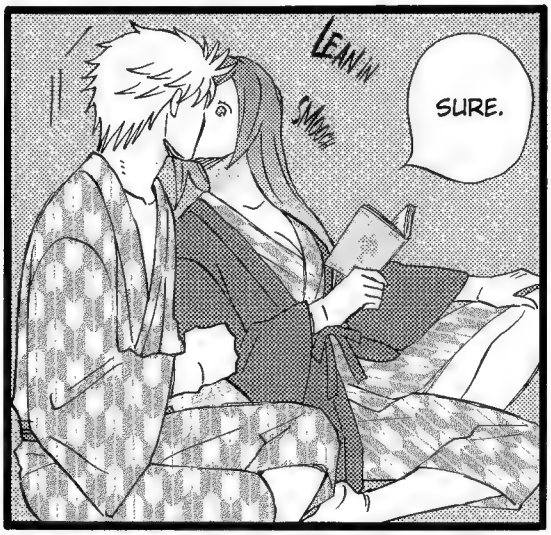
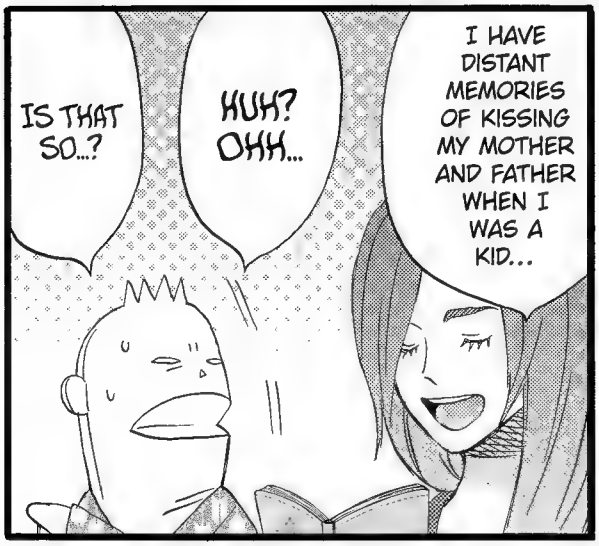
WOULD IT BE OKAY IF WE KISSED?

COULD THAT HAVE BEEN HER FIRST KISS...?
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...

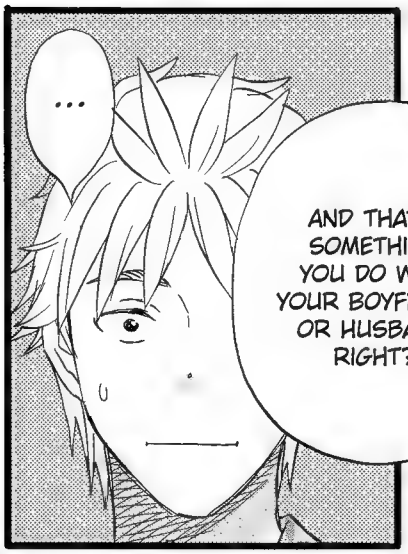

TECHNICALLY, WE ALREADY KISSED THE FIRST TIME WE TRIED TO HAVE SEX, BUT...
AT THE TIME, I ONLY THOUGHT OF ISHIMURA-SAN AS AN EXPERIENCED OLDER WOMAN. THERE WAS NO LOVE BETWEEN US.

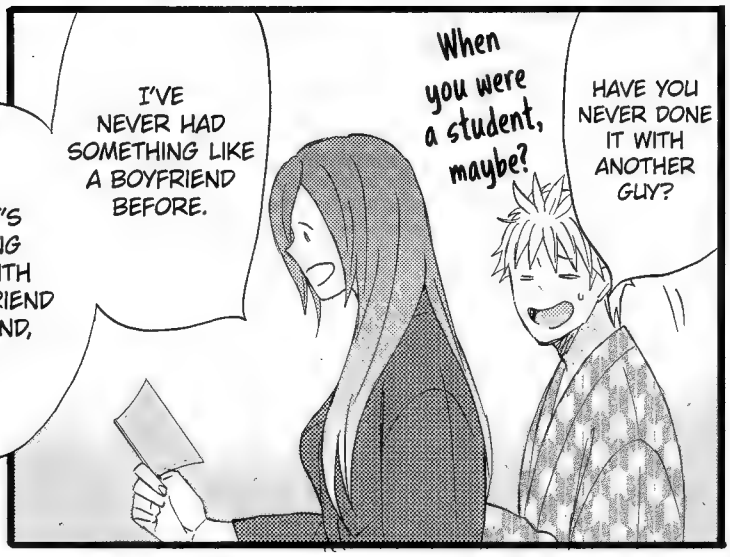

YEAH... I DON'T THINK THAT WAS HER FIRST KISS...
She just kissed me like it was nothing...


LEAN IN
SMACK
SURE.

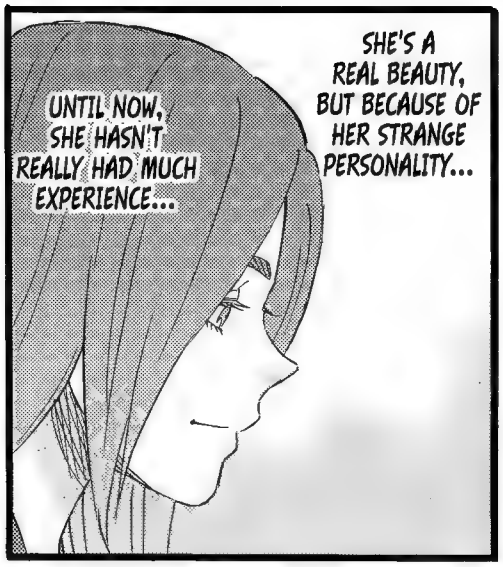

IS THAT SO...?
HUH? OHH...
I HAVE DISTANT MEMORIES OF KISSING MY MOTHER AND FATHER WHEN I WAS A KID...

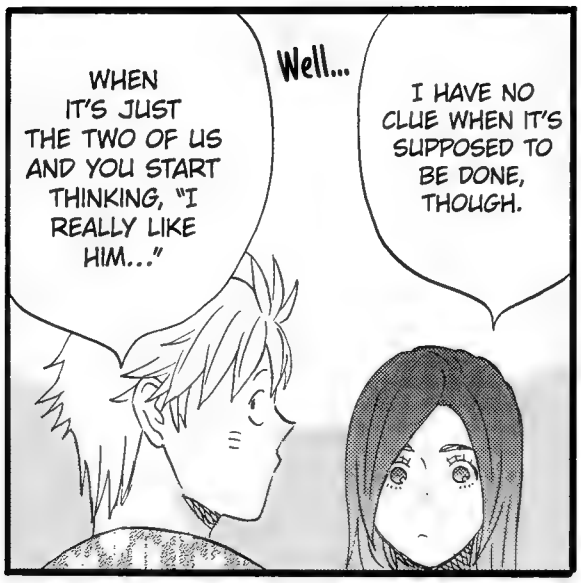
HMM...
I-ISHIMURA-SAN...
HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE YOU KISSED BESIDES ME?

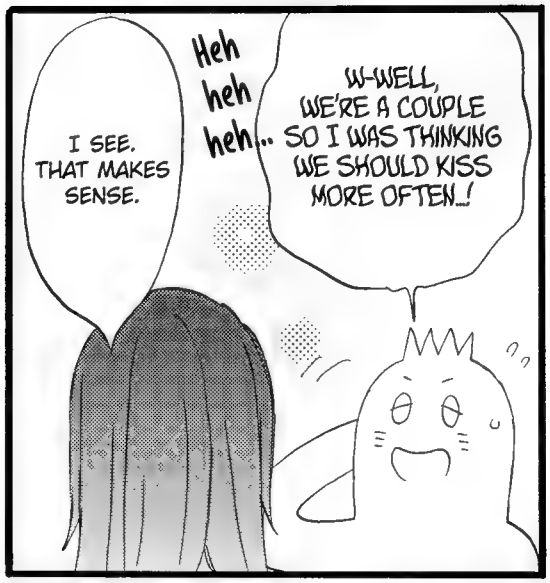

...
AND THAT'S SOMETHING YOU DO WITH YOUR BOYFRIEND OR HUSBAND, RIGHT?


I'VE NEVER HAD SOMETHING LIKE A BOYFRIEND BEFORE.
When you were a student, maybe?
HAVE YOU NEVER DONE IT WITH ANOTHER GUY?

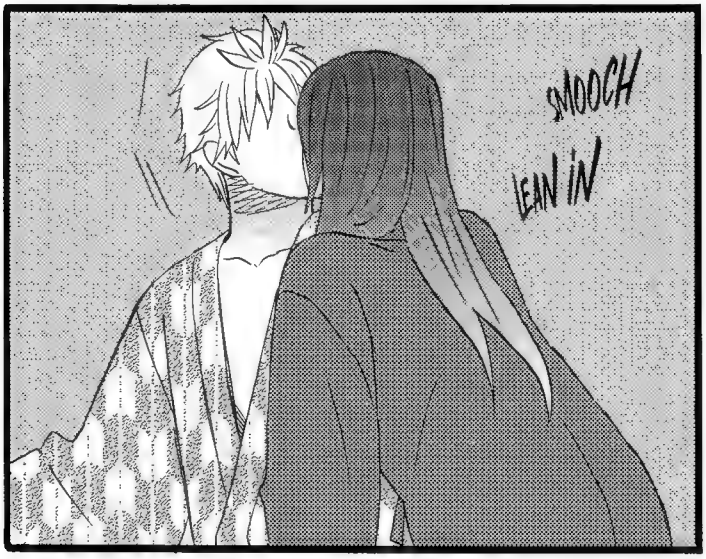
SHE'S ONE IN A MILLION.
MY WEIRD WIFE IS A MIRACLE!


SHE'S A REAL BEAUTY, BUT BECAUSE OF HER STRANGE PERSONALITY...
UNTIL NOW, SHE HASN'T REALLY HAD MUCH EXPERIENCE...


WHEN IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US AND YOU START THINKING, "I REALLY LIKE HIM..."
Well...
I HAVE NO CLUE WHEN IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE DONE, THOUGH.


I SEE. THAT MAKES SENSE.
Heh heh heh..
W-WELL, WE'RE A COUPLE SO I WAS THINKING WE SHOULD KISS MORE OFTEN...!

HUH...?


SMOOCH
LEAN IN

...I...
IN THAT CASE, I'M ALWAYS THINKING THAT I LIKE YOU, SO WE'LL BE KISSING ALL THE TIME.
I NEED YOU TO BE MORE SPECIFIC ABOUT THE TIMING.

I REALLY LOVE HER!!

Ding dooong

IS IT HAPPENING...? ARE WE FINALLY TAKING OUR MARRIED LIFE TO THE NEXT LEVEL...?

...HUH?

Ding dong

Ding dong

Ding dong

...

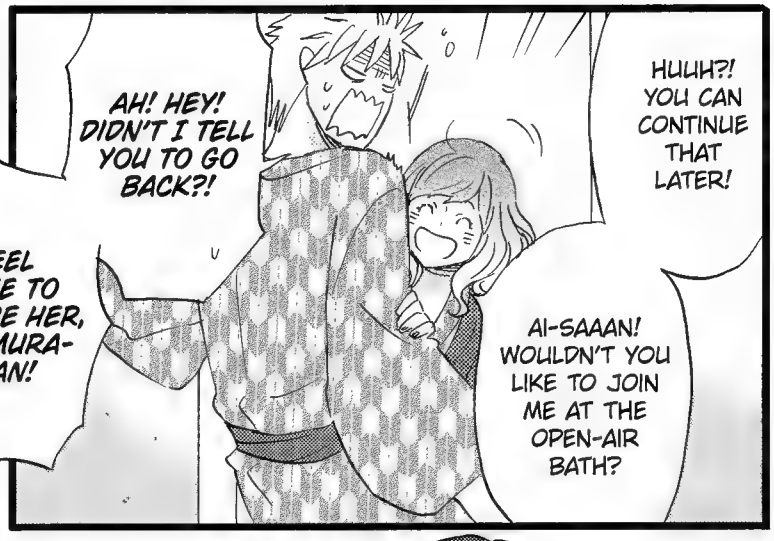
...

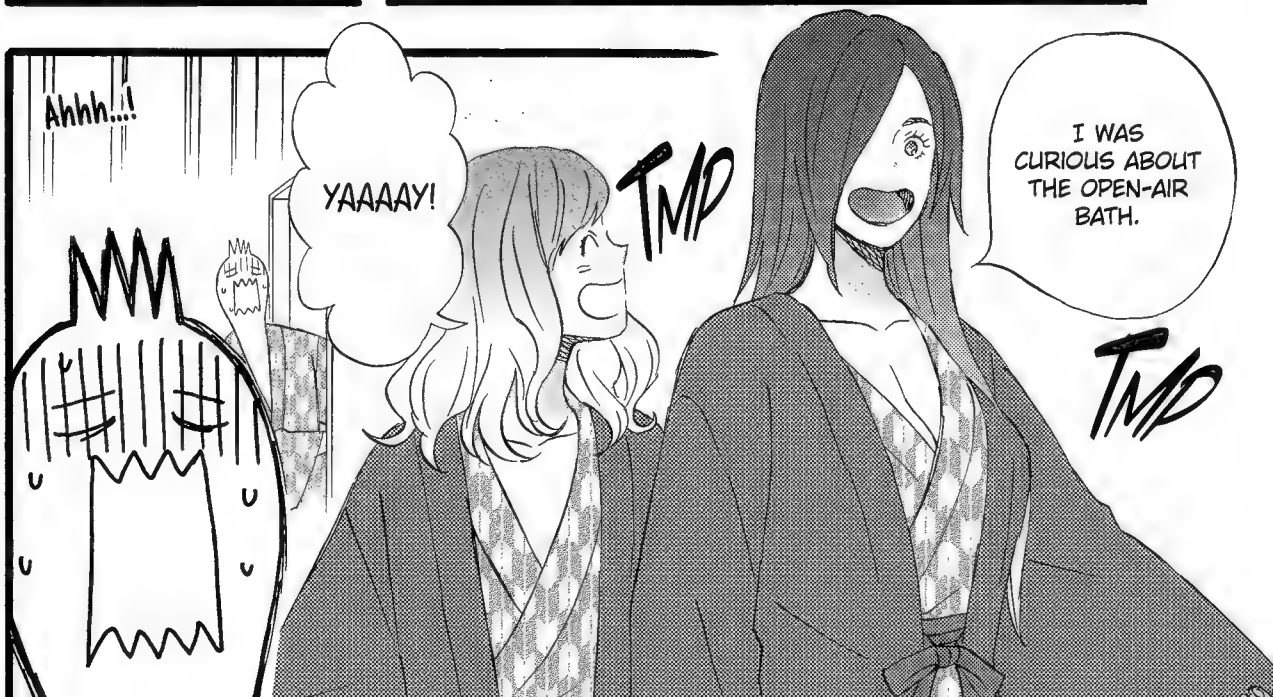
YES. IT SOUNDS LIKE IT.

SOMEONE'S AT THE DOOR.

GO BACK TO YOUR ROOM!
YOUR BIG BROTHER WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF A VERY IMPORTANT CONVERSATION, YOU KNOW!

GEEZ! BIG BRO! I MESSAGED YOU SO MANY TIMES!


FEEL FREE TO IGNORE HER, ISHIMURA-SAN!
AH! HEY! DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO GO BACK?!
HUUH?! YOU CAN CONTINUE THAT LATER!
AI-SAAAN! WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO JOIN ME AT THE OPEN-AIR BATH?


Ahhh...!
YAAAAY!
TMP
I WAS CURIOUS ABOUT THE OPEN-AIR BATH.
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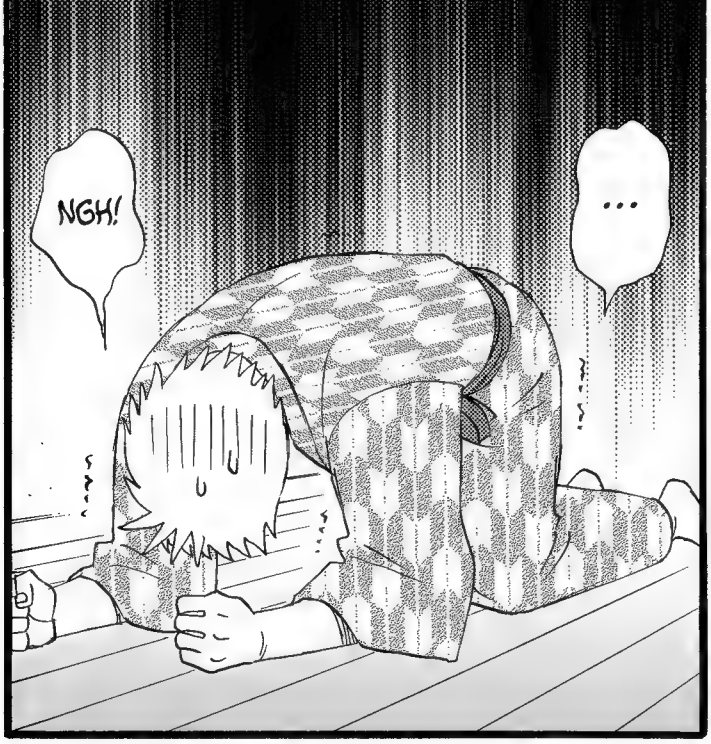
NGH!
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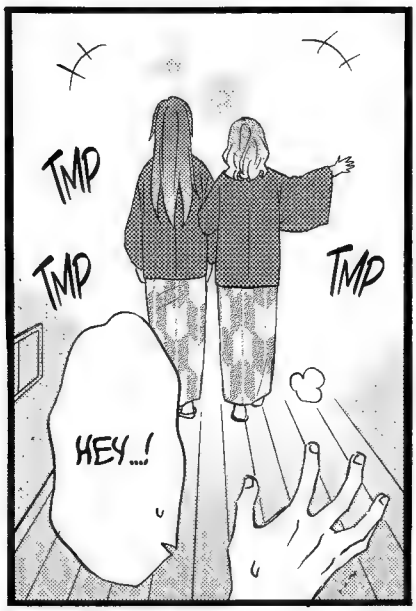
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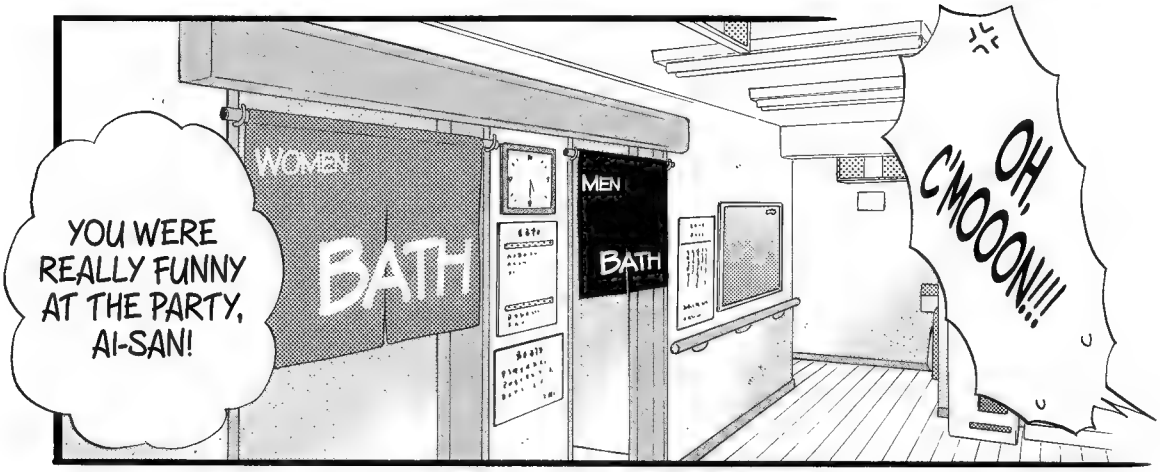
HEY...!


YOU WERE REALLY FUNNY AT THE PARTY, AI-SAN!
WOMEN
BATH
MEN
BATH
OH, C'MOON!!!

I HOPE HE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE HIS WAYS.
IT MUST ALSO BE TOUGH FOR THAT CHILD TO GROW UP SURROUNDED BY PEOPLE WHO DISLIKE HIM...
KEISUKE CHANGING HIS WAYS?! NO WAY THAT'S HAPPENING.

REALLY?
Y'SEE, I ALSO HATE THAT SHITTY BRAT.
HONESTLY, I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE WERE HAPPY WHEN YOU PUT HIM IN HIS PLACE...

Phew...
...
Splash...
I'M NOT GONNA LIE, AI-SAN. I THINK YOU COULD DO MUCH BETTER THAN MY BROTHER...
HER BOOBS ARE FLOATING...
HM? I DON'T THINK SO.
Float
Float
Rattle
Rattle
Rattle
OH?
AH. SOMEONE'S COMING IN.
THERE AREN'T MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE WILLING TO PUT UP WITH SOMEONE AS TROUBLESOME AS ME.
HA HA HA! YOU'RE REALLY INTERESTING!

Glare
UGH!
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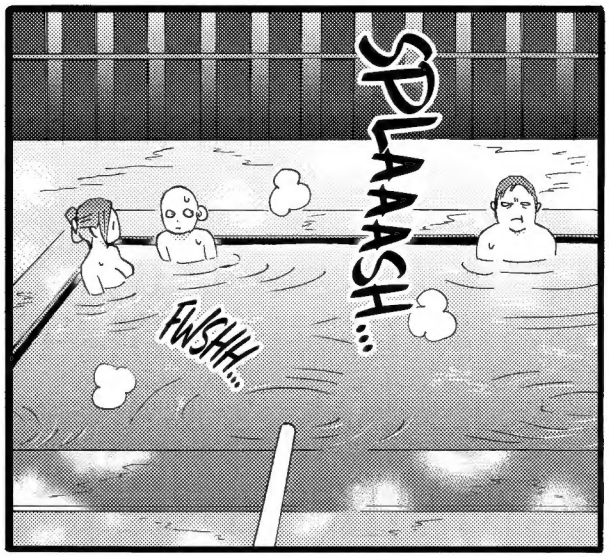

SPLAAASH...
FWSHH...

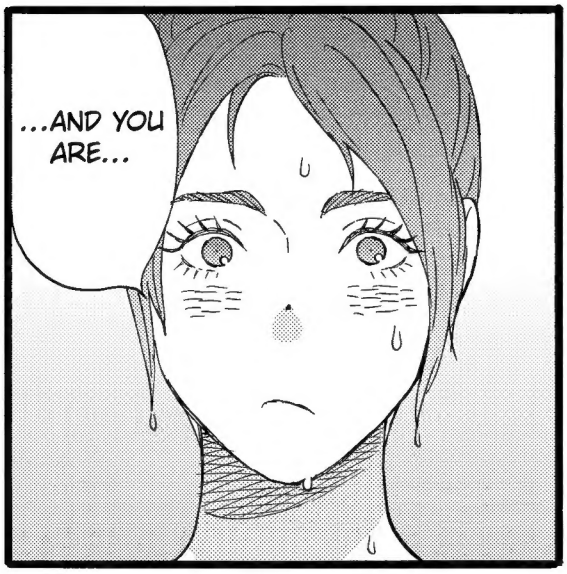
WHOA... OUR EYES MET... SO AWKWARD!
Splish...

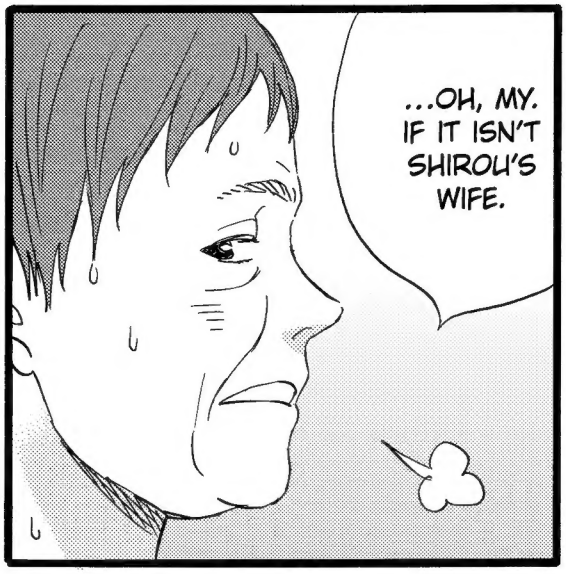
YOU CAN LEAVE FIRST IF YOU WANT. I'LL STAY FOR A LITTLE LONGER.
I JUST GOT HERE.
WHAAAT? BUT I WAS TRYING TO NATURALLY GIVE YOU AN OUT...

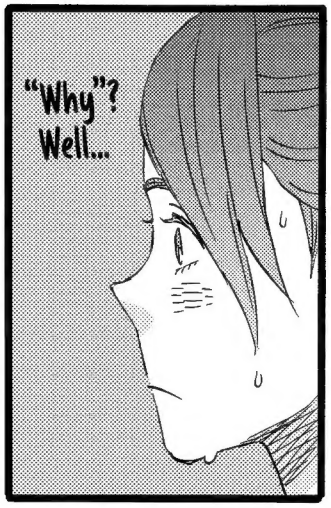
...I-IT'S ABOUT TIME WE LEAVE, DON'T YOU THINK?
EARLIER, AI-SAN HAD A HUGE FIGHT WITH MY AUNT...
HM?
Whisper...

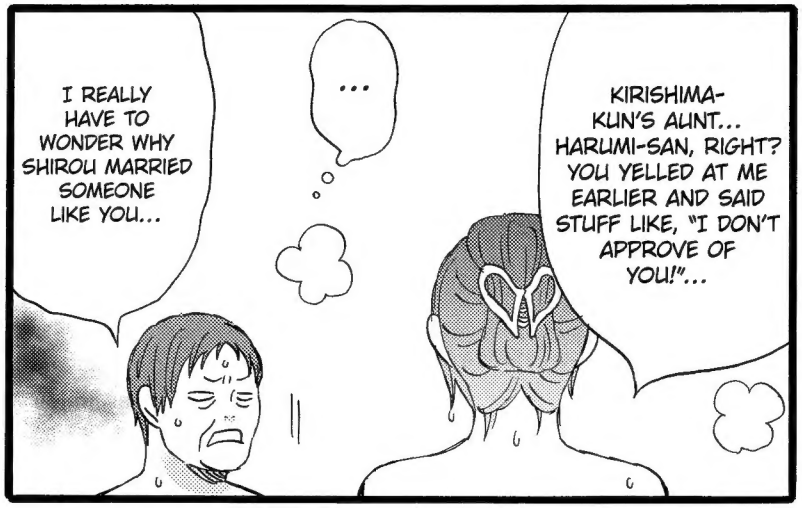
...
AUNT HARUMI ISN'T THAT EXTREME... I THINK.

BUT HEY, I DON'T THINK THEY'LL FIGHT OR KILL EACH OTHER WHILE NAKED IN THE BATH...
W-WHO KNOWS WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN...?


...AND YOU ARE...


...OH, MY. IF IT ISN'T SHIROU'S WIFE.

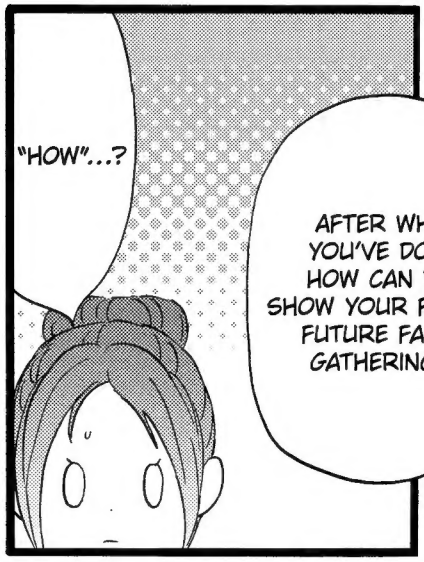

"Why"? Well...


I REALLY HAVE TO WONDER WHY SHIROU MARRIED SOMEONE LIKE YOU...
...
KIRISHIMA-KUN'S AUNT... HARUMI-SAN, RIGHT? YOU YELLED AT ME EARLIER AND SAID STUFF LIKE, "I DON'T APPROVE OF YOU!"...

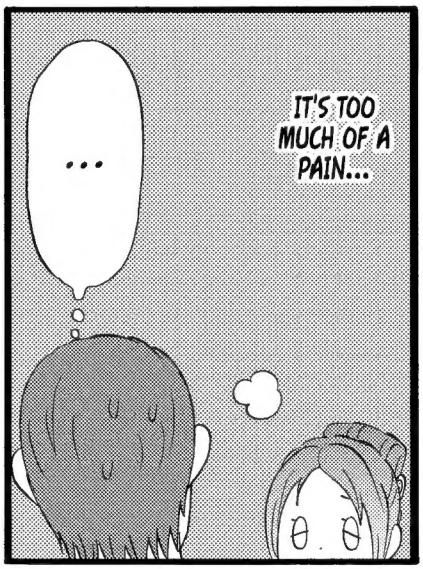
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!
He wants to snuggle all the time.
IT LOOKS LIKE KIRISHIMA-KUN LOVES ME A LOT.
AT FIRST, IT WAS A SPUR OF THE MOMENT THING, BUT...

HHHSHM...
STANDING BEHIND YOUR HUSBAND'S BACK AND SUPPORTING HIM...
THAT'S WHAT BEING A WIFE IS LIKE.

I DON'T CARE THAT YOU'RE THE ONE EARNING THE MONEY. THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG ABOUT MAKING SHIROU... ABOUT MAKING YOUR HUSBAND PLAY THE ROLE OF HOUSEWIFE.
THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY, SO I'LL TELL YOU STRAIGHT.


"HOW"...?
AFTER WHAT YOU'VE DONE, HOW CAN YOU SHOW YOUR FACE AT FUTURE FAMILY GATHERINGS?

YOU MUST THINK MORE ABOUT SHIROU'S STANDING AMONG THE FAMILY.
AND YET, YOU BARGED INTO OUR FAMILY GATHERING AND DID WHATEVER YOU WANTED.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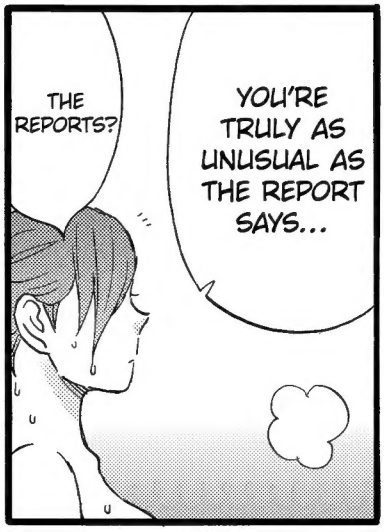
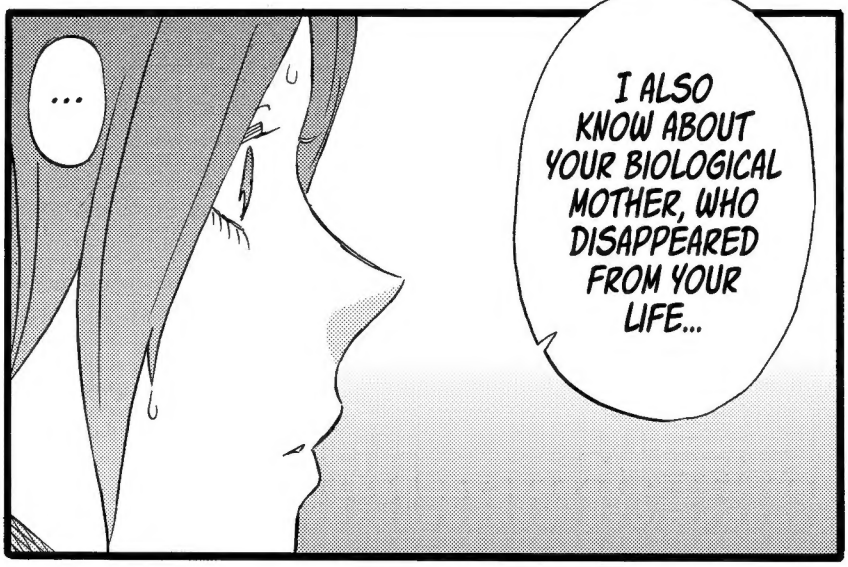
IT'S TOO MUCH OF A PAIN...

BUT I DON'T PLAN ON PARTICIPATING AGAIN.

I'M SORRY, BUT I HAD SOMEONE DO A LITTLE RESEARCH ON YOU.


THE REPORTS?
YOU'RE TRULY AS UNUSUAL AS THE REPORT SAYS...

HEH! HEH HEH HEH...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I ALSO KNOW ABOUT YOUR BIOLOGICAL MOTHER, WHO DISAPPEARED FROM YOUR LIFE...